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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Udo KRUPKA

Application No.: 10/561,345

Filed: December 20, 2005

For: NOVEL SURFACE PROTEIN  
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**AMENDMENT**

Applicants reply to the final Office Action mailed January 11, 2010 ("Office Action"). A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this reply. Applicants have extended the period for reply to May 11, 2010, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper, and begin on page 13.

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**Attachments to this Amendment** include an English translation of the Priority Document (German Application No. 103 28 080.4) and a Certificate of Translation.